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# The Fierce Green Fire

A Newsletter of the Wofford College Environmental Studies Program

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Rachel Brittenham and Eric Breitenstein during Interim 2012 at Upstate Forever.

*Send us your Interim 2012 pictures!*

*We would love to include them in the next issue of Fierce Green Fire!*

*To view Eric and Rachel's proposal, visit the ENVS page on Wofford's website*

*<http://www.wofford.edu/environmentalstudies/>*

*Look under the Quick Links Column for Gold, Black, & Green Sustainability Proposal*

## *Interim with Upstate Forever*

For interim 2012, Eric Breitenstein and Rachel Brittenham decided to use their time to gain work experience relevant to their Environmental Studies majors.

Eric and Rachel chose to intern with Upstate Forever, a local non-profit organization. Upstate Forever advocates for the protection of special places, as well as sensible community growth and development. They got the opportunity to learn the "ins and outs" of environmental activism from a community and political standpoint.

Eric and Rachel decided to focus their time on improving the recycling practices on their own campus. Specifically, the two students wanted to create a "Game-Day Recycling Initiative" to

implement at athletic events. Their biggest project will be tackling recycling in the tailgating lots at home football games next season. Eric and Rachel learned the types of solid waste and methods of disposal. The duo even got to travel to Columbia to sit in on state legislative hearings, as well as to Greenville to visit the Upstate Forever main office.

As a result of their interim experience, they have written a proposal to revitalize Wofford's "Gold, Black, & Green Movement" to improve sustainability campus-wide, which they presented to the Board of Trustees this past Monday. They would love to work with any other students interested in making a difference on Wofford's campus!

## Upcoming Events and Opportunities

- February 23<sup>rd</sup> **Fierce Green Fire Group** will be meeting this Thursday. Greene Common Room at 6:00pm. Contact Katie Pearson, [pearsonkr@email.wofford.edu](mailto:pearsonkr@email.wofford.edu).
- February 28<sup>th</sup> **Green Screen 2012:** HUB-BUB is hosting a “green” film series again this year! Come out and watch each Tuesday night through April 17<sup>th</sup>. Tonight’s film, “*The Economics of Happiness*” begins at 7:00pm and will be followed by a panel discussion and an opportunity for audience participation. Admission is free.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for Smithsonian-Mason Semester for Conservation Studies:** Students will spend a semester studying at the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia through George Mason University. You must submit an application, two letters of recommendation, a 500-word statement of interest, and undergraduate transcripts. For more information, go to <http://mccs.gmu.edu/undergraduate>.
- March 1<sup>st</sup> **Deadline for Summer Program:** The inaugural “Food, Farm, and Sustainability Institute at Hampshire College,” a six-week academic program designed for undergraduate students interested in sustainable agriculture and food studies. Visit <http://www.hampshire.edu/academics/Food-Farm-and-Sustainability-Institute.htm> for more details about this summer program.
- March 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> **2012 South Carolina Environmental Conference:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference at the Myrtle Beach Conference Center. Visit [www.sc-ec.org](http://www.sc-ec.org) for more information. Contact Dr. Savage if you are interested in attending this conference.
- April 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> **Society of Ethnobiology:** 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, “Conservation and Communities” will be held at the Denver Botanic Gardens. Please contact Dr. Cynthia Fowler at [fowlerct@wofford.edu](mailto:fowlerct@wofford.edu) if you are interested in attending this conference.

## GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE:

### *Vanderbilt University – Center for Environmental Management*

Vanderbilt Center for Environmental Management (VCEMS) was established “to study the coordination and sharing of environmental responsibilities that is required among a variety of stakeholders representing business, government, and community interests.” VCEMS is a joint initiative between the School of Engineering, the Owens School of Management, and the Law School. A wide-range of options for study focus is available through the three schools.

“As a leader in the environmental management

field, VCEMS is committed to fostering proactive, quality-oriented and customer-driven initiatives that advance the well-being of business and environmental health.”

VCEMS offers a customized interdisciplinary Masters degree and Ph.D. degree in environmental management by applying to Vanderbilt’s School of Engineering.

Visit <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/vcems/> for more information on the program.